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SUBJECT: CALL BY ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL ON SYG LUNS

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SALISBURY RHODESIA FOR INFO

1. AT PERMREP LUNCH MARCH 27, SYG LUNS REPORTED THAT MR. CHONA, OFFICIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, TOGETHER WITH TWO ZAMBIAN DIPLOMATS, CALLED ON HIM MARCH 26. CHONA BROUGHT A CORDIAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND SPOKE IN MODERATE TERMS ABOUT SEVERAL AFRICAN ISSUES, INCLUDING RHODESIA AND PORTUGAL.

2. CHONA SAID AFRICA IS INDEBTED TO PORTUGAL FOR ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE, THAT PORTUGAL WAS NOT RACIST, BUT THAT PRESIDENT KUANDA WANTS VERY MUCH TO SEE THE SITUATION IN AFRICA RESOLVED PEACEFULLY. CHONA ASKED LUNS WHETHER NATO GOVERNMENTS GIVE PORTUGAL ARMS FOR USE IN ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. LUNS RESPONDED NO AND POINTED OUT THAT THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF NATO TREATY AREA IS THE TROPIC OF CANCER. LUNS DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT
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NATO HAS CONSIDERED CONTINGENCY SITUATION IN WHICH SOVIET SHIPS DURING WAR MIGHT OPERATE SOUTH OF THE TROPIC OF CANCER.

LUNS ADDED THAT NATO HAD NO REPEAT NO RELATIONSHIP TO RHODESIA.

3. CHONA IN CLOSING COMMENTED THAT ZAMBIA FAVORS PORTUGAL' S ENTRY INTO THE EC BECAUSE IT WOULD BRING PORTUGAL CLOSER TO EUROPE, AND MAKE IT LESS DEPENDENT ON ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. LUNS RESPONDED THAT EC ENTRY WAS NOT NATO' S CONCERN BUT THAT HE WOULD REPORT CHONA' S COMMENTS TO NATO GOVERNMENTS.
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